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Approaches to Niagara River and Welland Canal

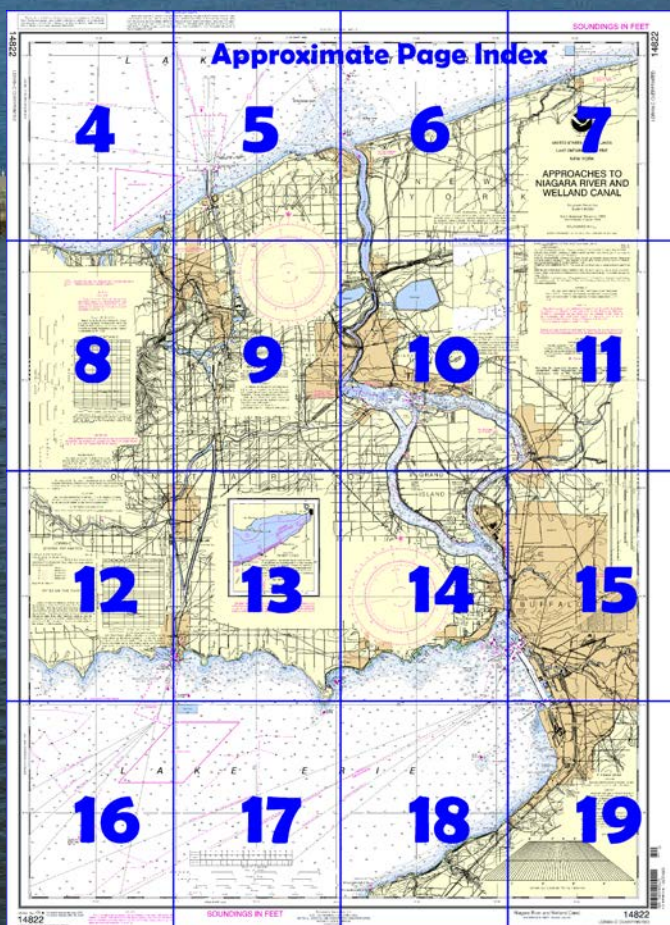
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What is a BookletChart™ ?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

At its E end, Lake Erie becomes comparatively narrow and has its outlet in the Niagara River. From the head of the river, it is about 20 miles to the falls and rapids of **American Falls** and **Horseshoe Falls**. About 5 miles below the head, the river is divided into two channels by **Strawberry Island** and **Grand Island**. **Tonawanda Channel** and **Niagara River Channel**, the U.S. channels, lead to the E of these islands, and **Chippawa Channel**,

the Canadian channel, leads to the W of these islands. At the lower end of Grand Island, the channels rejoin and lead for about 3.5 miles to the falls.

The **International boundary** between the United States and Canada follows a general middle of the river course in the upper Niagara River from the head of the river downstream to the head of Grand Island where the river forks around the island. The boundary then follows Chippawa Channel and is generally less than 1,000 feet off the W shore of Grand Island until Chippawa Channel and Niagara River Channel join at the NW end of Grand Island. The boundary again follows a general middle of the river course around the S side of **Goat Island** and over Niagara Falls.

Channels.—Black Rock Canal is the recommended route from Lake Erie to facilities in the Niagara River below **Squaw Island**. The channel formerly dredged in the open river W of Bird Island and Squaw Island has shoaled to depths of 10 feet or less. The bottom in this reach is generally rocky, and the currents are strong and variable. Great care should be exercised in navigating this section of the river.

Black Rock Canal provides a safe passage for vessels around the rapids and shoals in the head of the Niagara River.

From Black Rock Lock at the lower end of Squaw Island, the dredged channel extends to a point about 0.7 mile below Pirates Island, off the SE side of Grand Island, thence through the deep water of Tonawanda Channel. W of Tonawanda Island, the dredged channel continues to a turning basin on the N side of **Tonawanda Island** at North Tonawanda.

Black Rock Lock connects the canal with the river near the foot of Squaw Island. The lock has a usable length of 625 feet with a clear width of 68 feet and a depth of 21 feet over the sills. The lock has an average lift of 5.2 feet.

Caution.—The canal generally has a slight current downstream. During rapidly rising or high water in Lake Erie, there is a strong crosscurrent at the S end of Bird Island Pier.

Wilson Harbor is in the mouth of **East Branch Twelvemile Creek**, about 12 miles east of the mouth of the Niagara River. The widened mouth of the creek forms **Tuscarora Bay**, which is about 2 feet deep in its natural depth and provides good anchorage for shallow-draft vessels.

Niagara River Below Niagara Falls.—The Niagara River flows from the northeast end of Lake Erie and enters Lake Ontario about 36 miles from its west end. The Lake Ontario entrance to the river is between two land points occupied by **Fort Niagara, NY**, on the E, and **Fort Mississauga, ON**, on the west. The **International boundary** between the United States and Canada generally follows a middle of the river course through the lower Niagara River.

The Niagara River, with its great volume of water and a current of about 2.2 knots, deposits considerable sediment in Lake Ontario and forms extensive shoals for a radius of about 3 miles off the mouth of the river. A bank with least depths of 5 feet extends about 0.8 mile off the east side of the entrance and is marked on its northwest side by a lighted bell buoy. **Rumsey Shoal**, with depths of 17 feet, is an unmarked detached shoal about 1.5 miles north of Fort Niagara. **Niagara Bar** extends from shore about 2 miles west of the river mouth northeast to a point about 3 miles north of the river mouth. The north part of the shoal has depths of 12 and 13 feet, but depths of 8 feet are found to about 1.5 miles offshore northwest of the river mouth.

The entrance to the Niagara River is marked by lighted buoys, a **149°30'** lighted range, and lights at Fort Niagara and Fort Mississauga. **Fort Niagara Light** (43°15.7'N., 79°03.8'W.), 80 feet above the water, is shown from a tower with a white and green diamond-shaped daymark on the east side of the river at the mouth.

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Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers



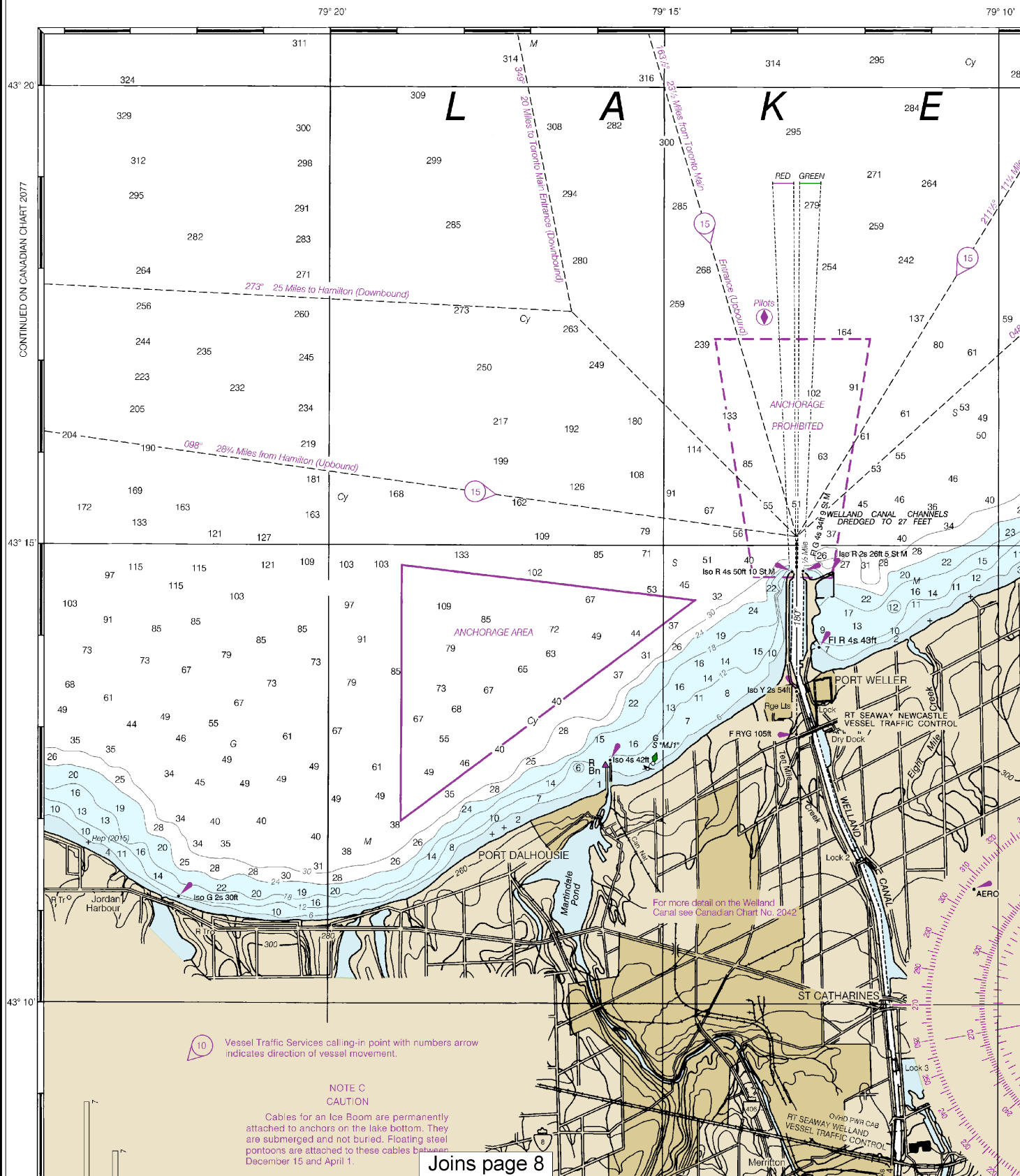
For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area.

These volumes are available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

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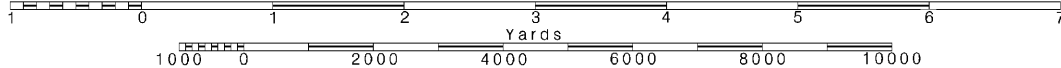
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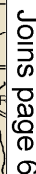
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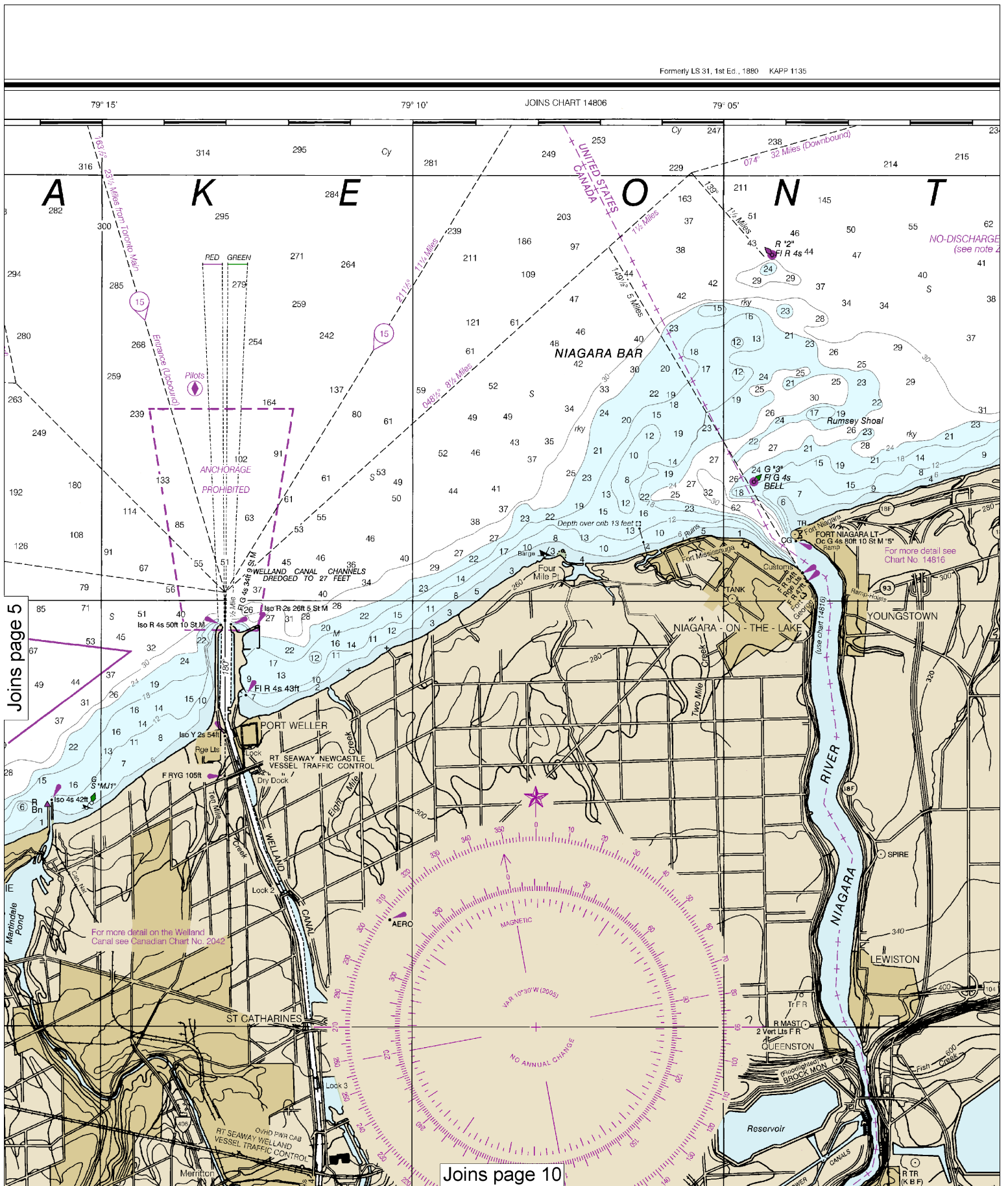
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SOURCE

B2	1970-1989	NOS Surveys	partial bottom coverage
g		Canadian Surveys	partial bottom coverage
j	Pre-1974	Lake Survey Surveys	partial bottom coverage

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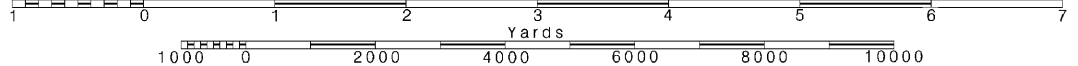
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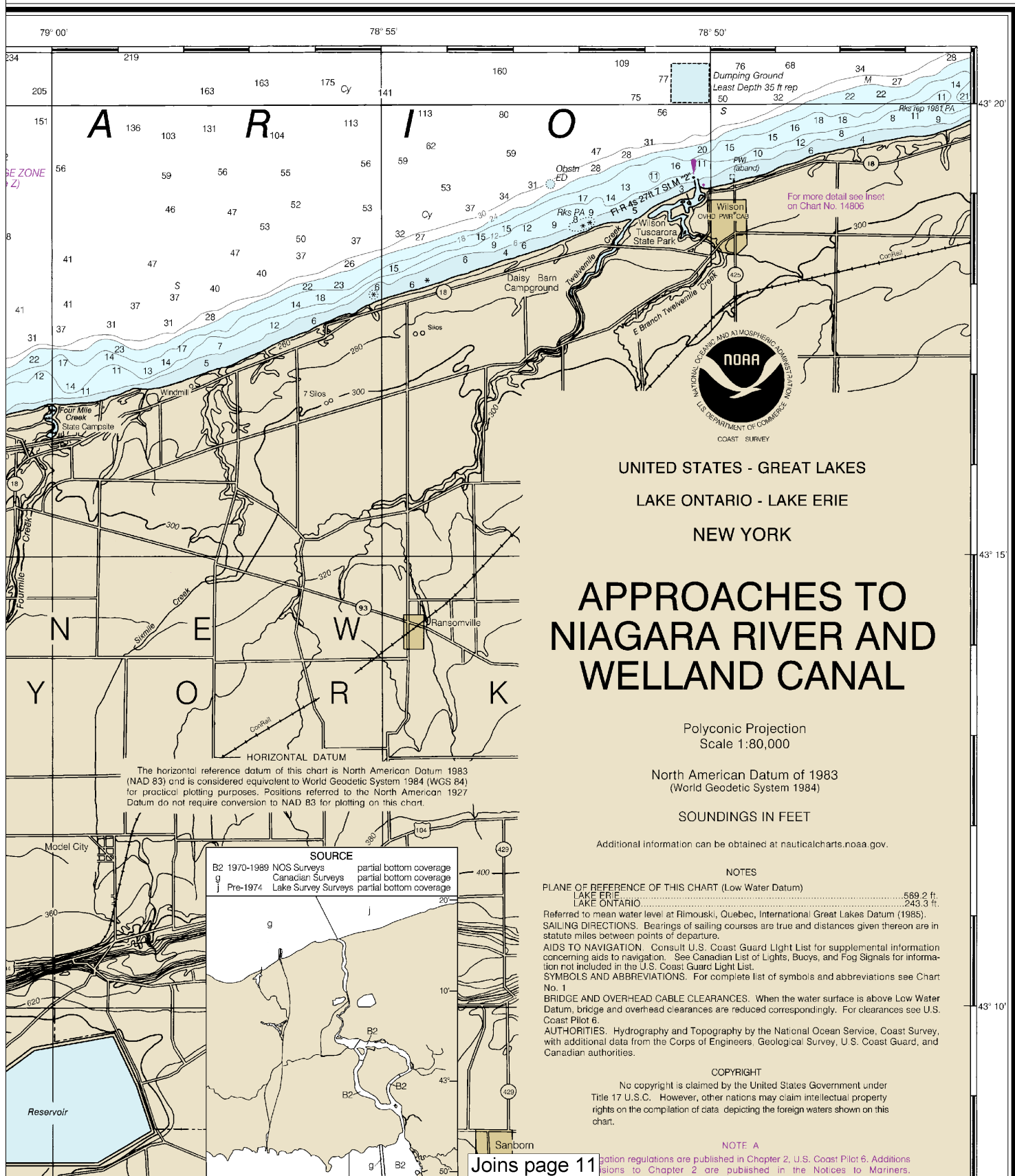
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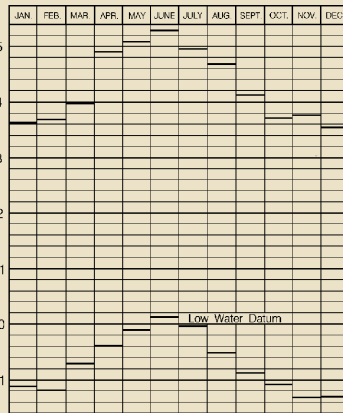
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LAKE ONTARIO



— Average levels (1995-2004)
— Extreme Levels (period of record)

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WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for details.

RACING BUOYS

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Elevation in feet

Low Water Datum

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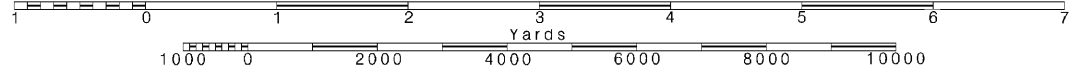
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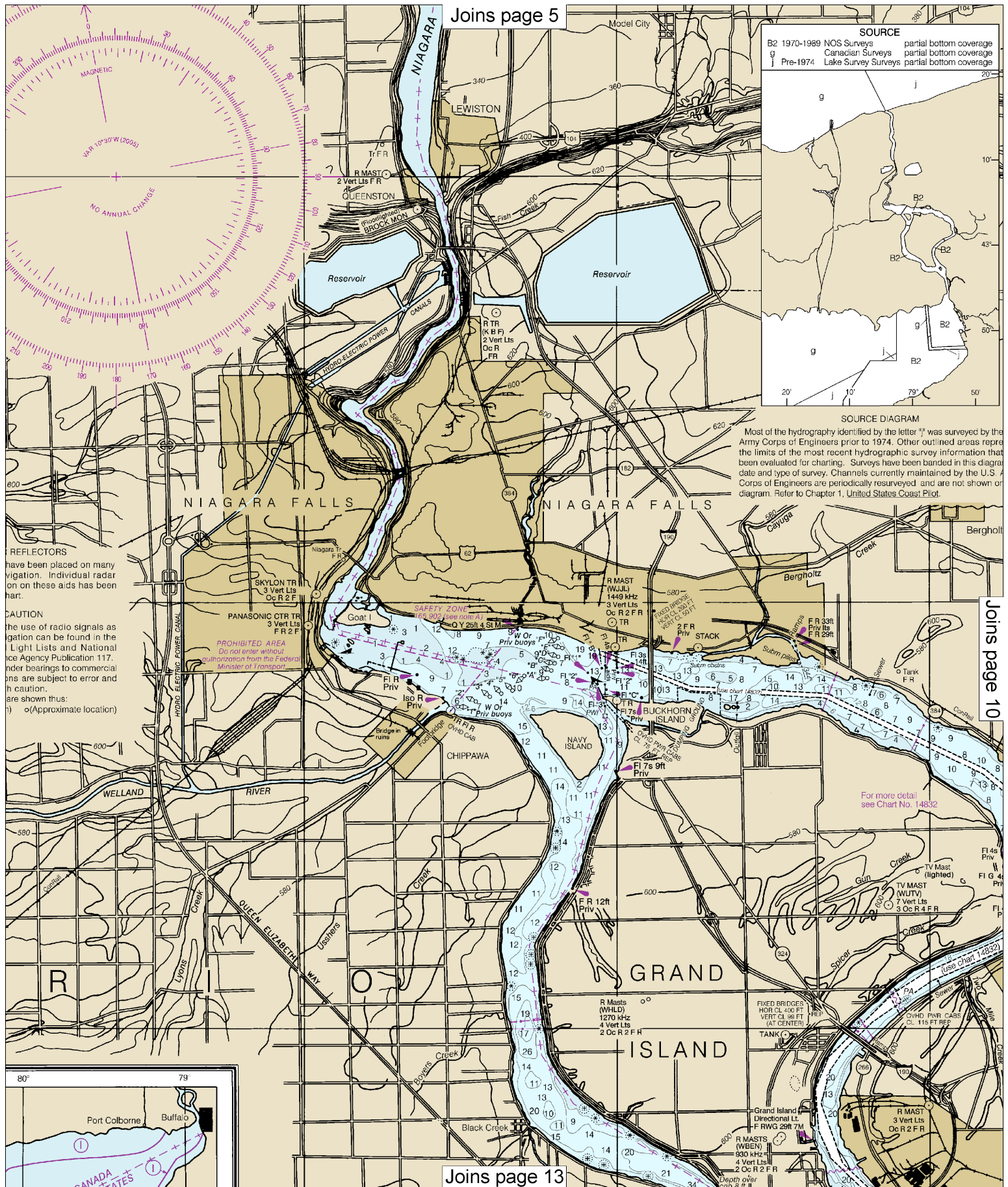
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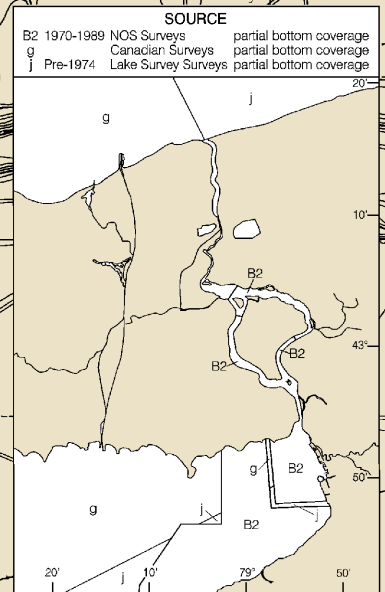
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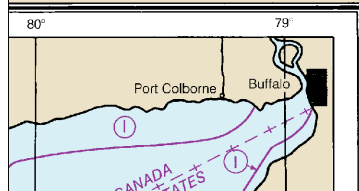


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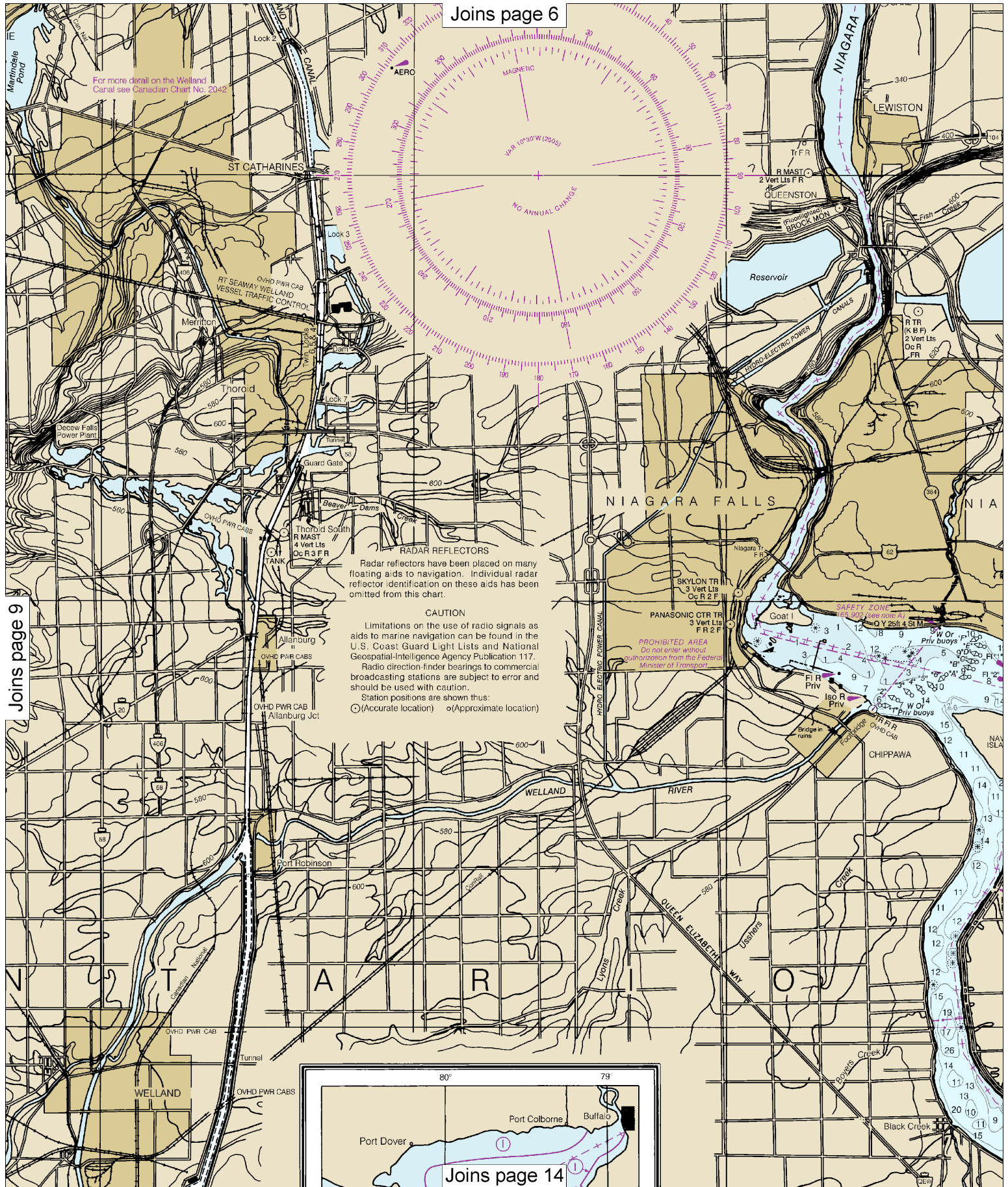
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have been placed on many navigation aids. Individual radar on these aids has been hampered.

CAUTION
the use of radio signals as navigation aids can be found in the Light Lists and National Ice Agency Publication 117. Under bearings to commercial vessels are subject to error and caution. are shown thus:
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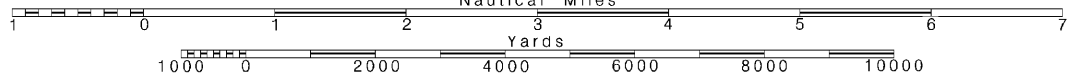
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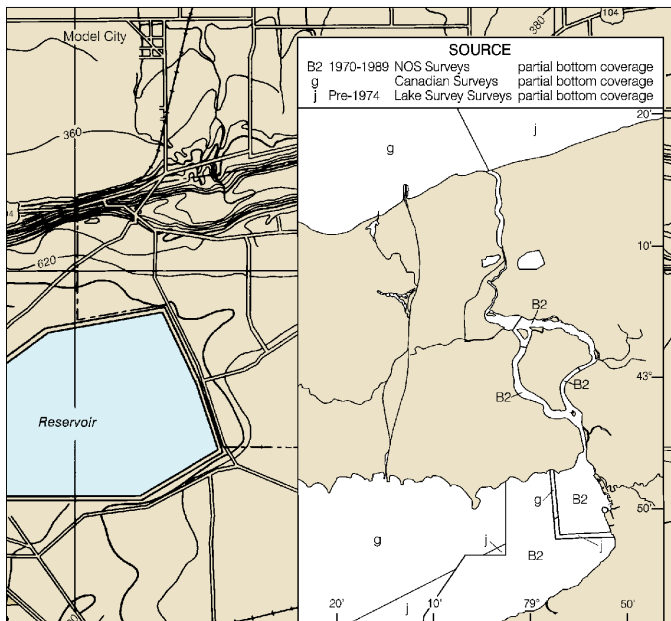
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NOTES

PLANE OF REFERENCE OF THIS CHART (Low Water Datum)

LAKE ERIE
LAKE ONTARIO.....569.2 ft.
Referred to mean water level at Rimouski, Quebec, International Great Lakes Datum (1985).
SAILING DIRECTIONS. Bearings of sailing courses are true and distances given thereon are in statute miles between points of departure.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION. Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation. See Canadian List of Lights, Buoys, and Fog Signals for information not included in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS. For complete list of symbols and abbreviations see Chart No. 1.

BRIDGE AND OVERHEAD CABLE CLEARANCES. When the water surface is above Low Water Datum, bridge and overhead clearances are reduced correspondingly. For clearances see U.S. Coast Pilot 6.

AUTHORITIES. Hydrography and Topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, U.S. Coast Guard, and Canadian authorities.

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NOTE A

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Sailing courses and limits indicated in magenta are recommended by the Lake Carriers Association and the Canadian Shipowners Association

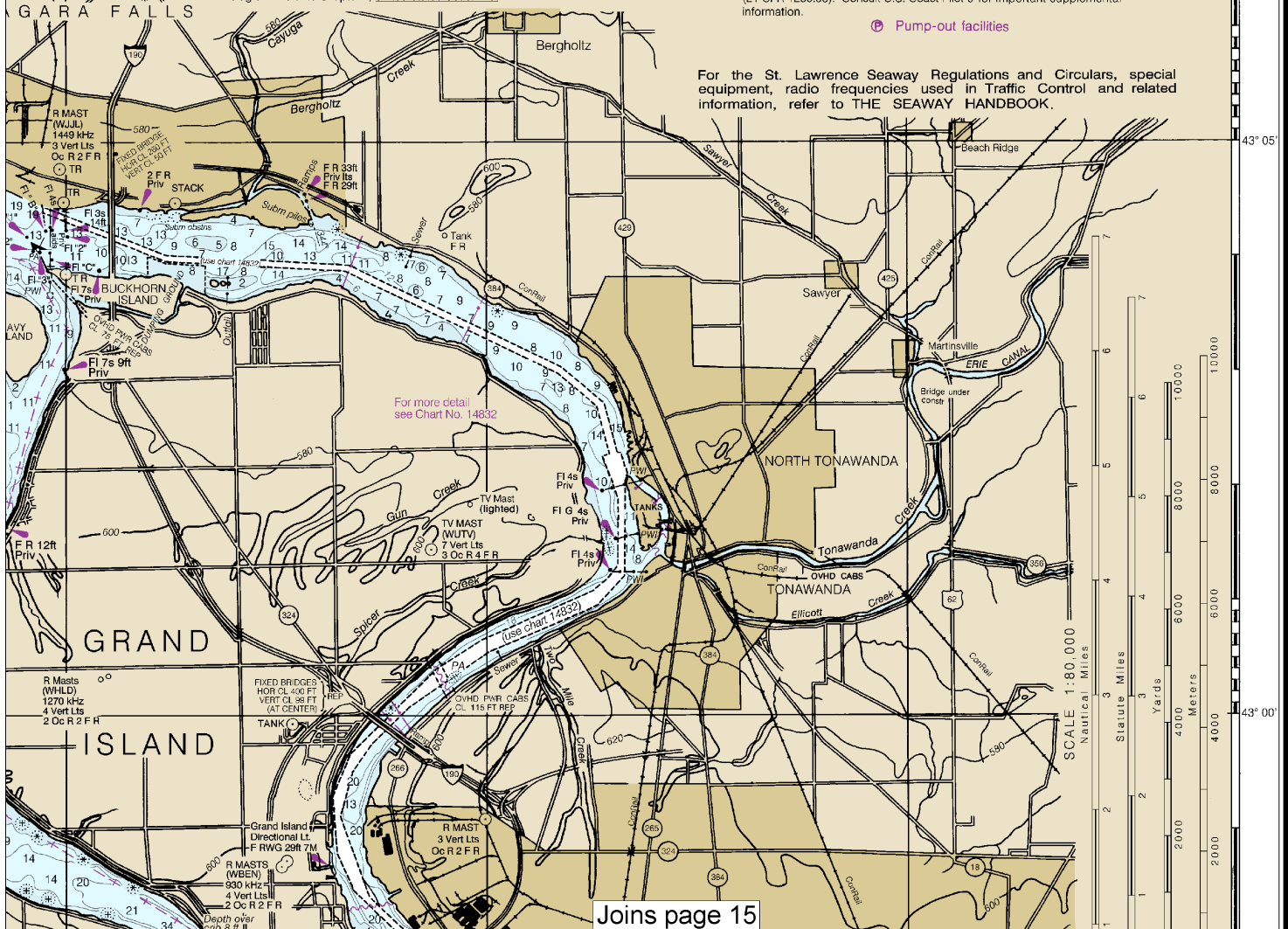
CAUTION

POTABLE WATER INTAKE

Vessels operating in fresh water lakes or rivers shall not discharge sewage, or ballast, or bilge water within such areas adjacent to domestic water intakes as are designated by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (21 CFR 1250.93). Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for important supplemental information.

Pump-out facilities

For the St. Lawrence Seaway Regulations and Circulars, special equipment, radio frequencies used in Traffic Control and related information, refer to THE SEAWAY HANDBOOK.



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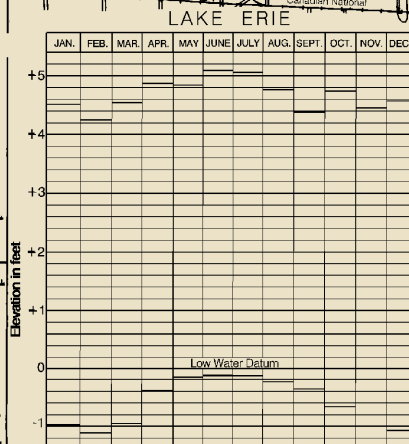
NOTE 2

NO-DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 140

Under the Clean Water Act, Section 312, all vessels operating within a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) are completely prohibited from discharging any sewage, treated or untreated, into the waters. Commercial vessel sewage shall include graywater. All vessels with an installed marine sanitation device (MSD) that are navigating, moored, anchored, or docked within a NDZ must have the MSD disabled to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage (treated or untreated) or install a holding tank. Regulations for the NDZ are contained in the U.S. Coast Pilot. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) web site: http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/regulatory/vessel_sewage/.

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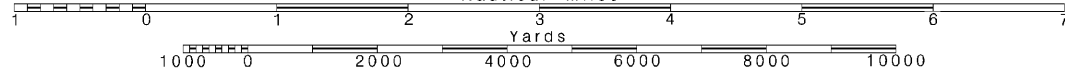


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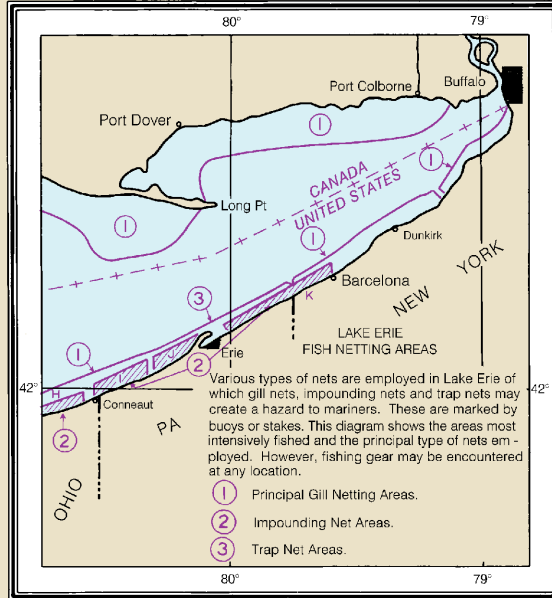
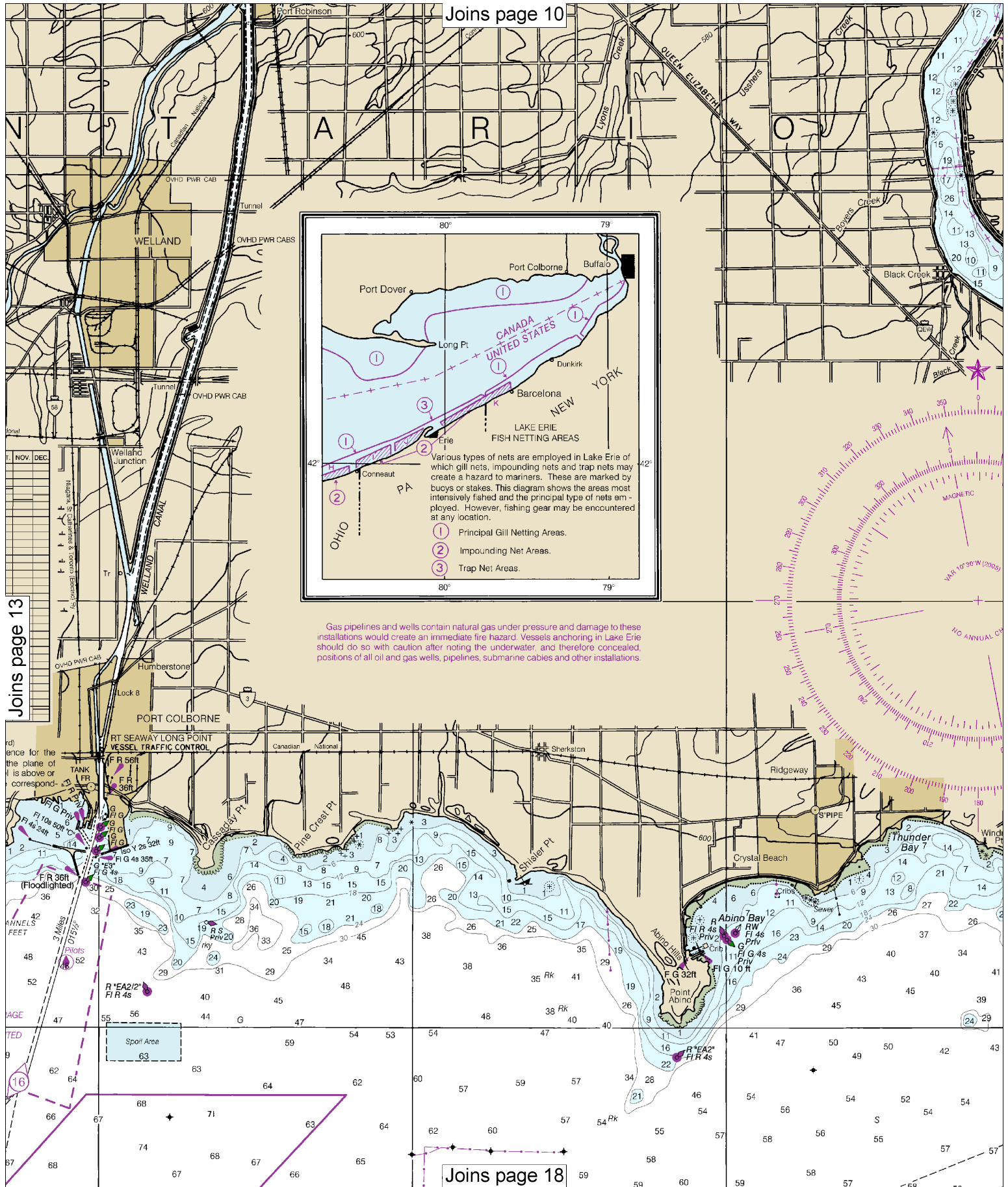
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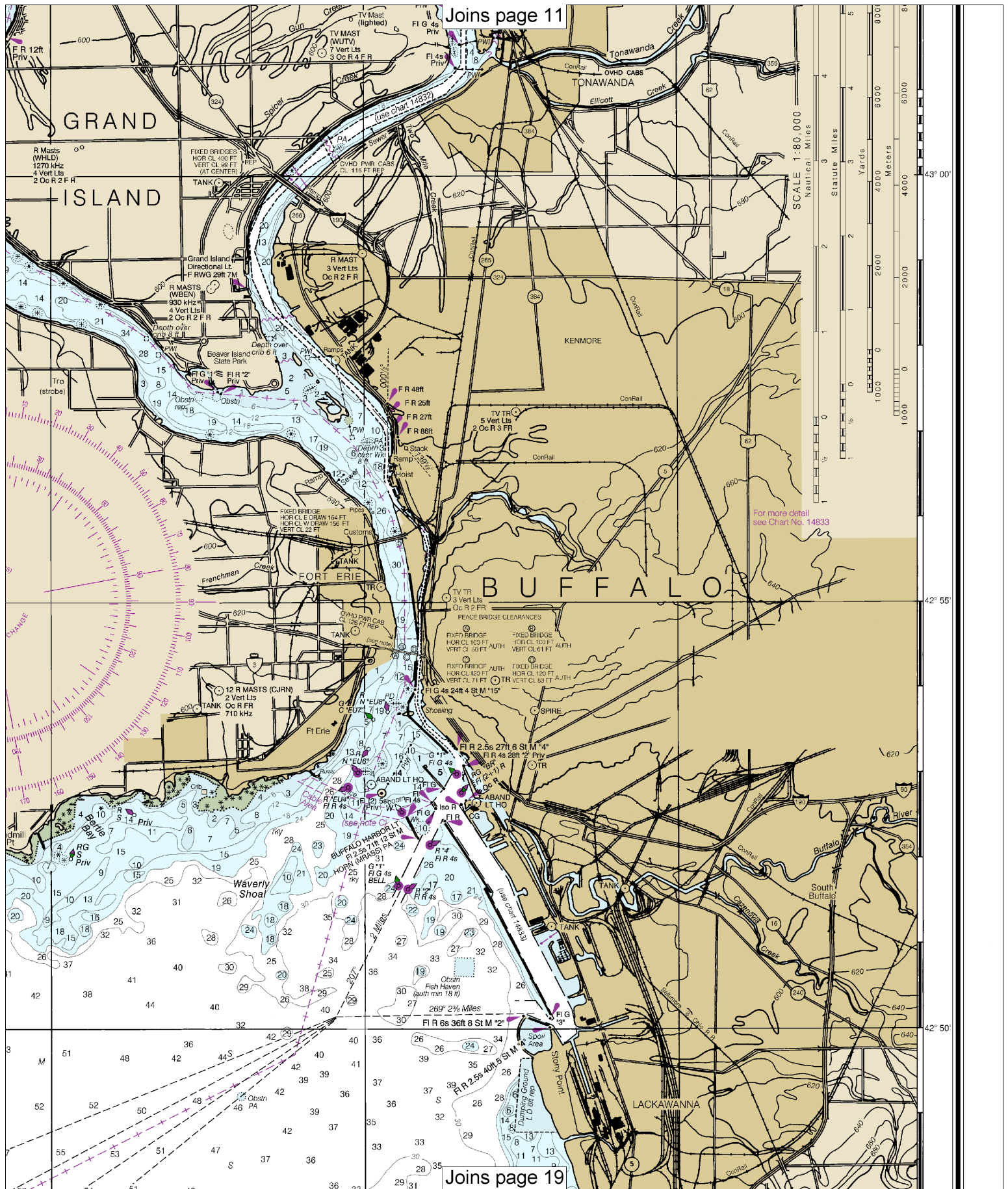
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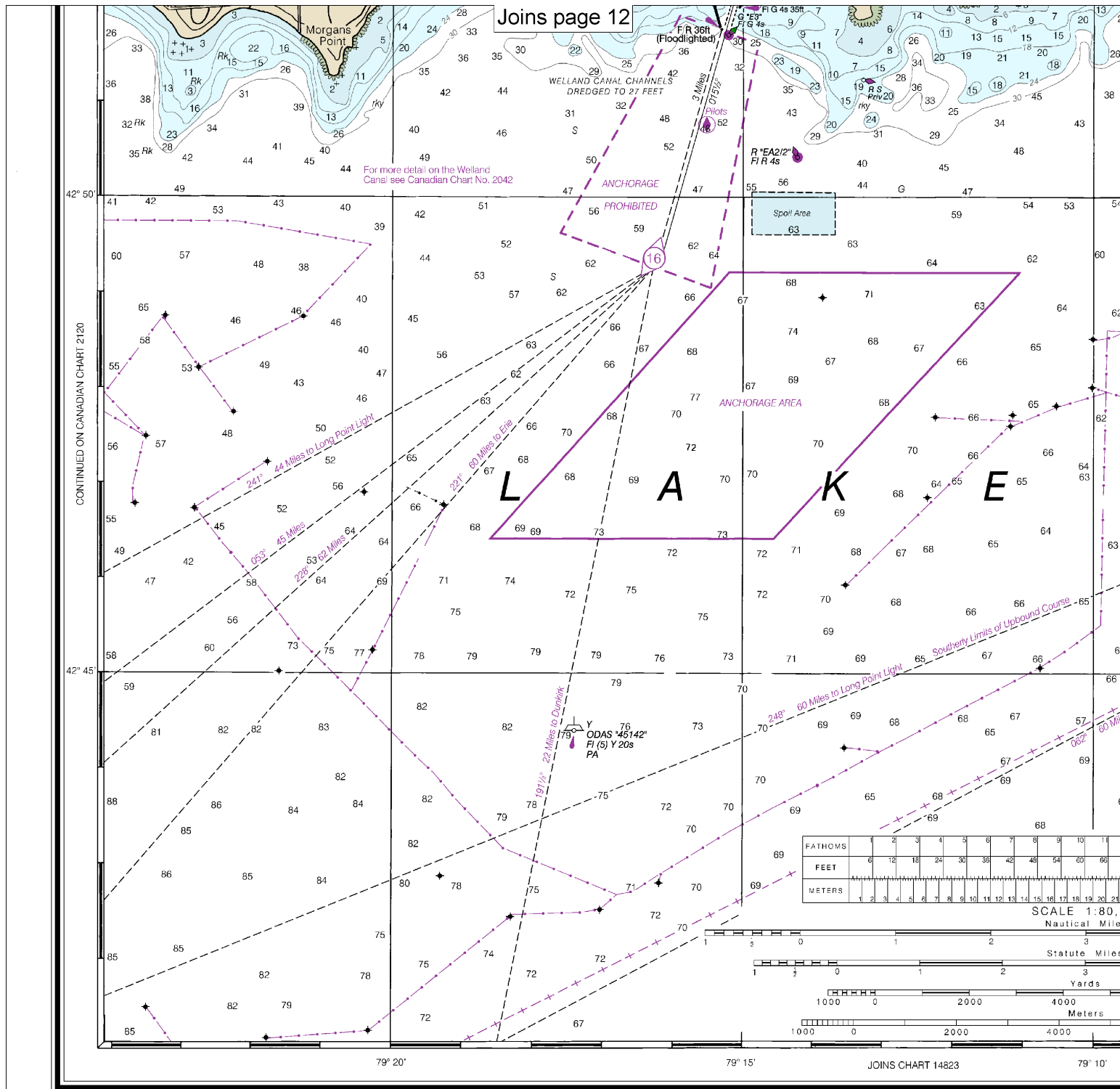






Gas pipelines and wells contain natural gas under pressure and damage to these installations would create an immediate fire hazard. Vessels anchoring in Lake Erie should do so with caution after noting the underwater, and therefore concealed, positions of all oil and gas wells, pipelines, submarine cables and other installations.





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CAUTION

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SOUNDINGS IN

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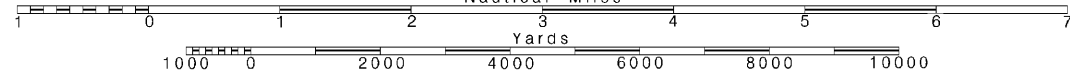
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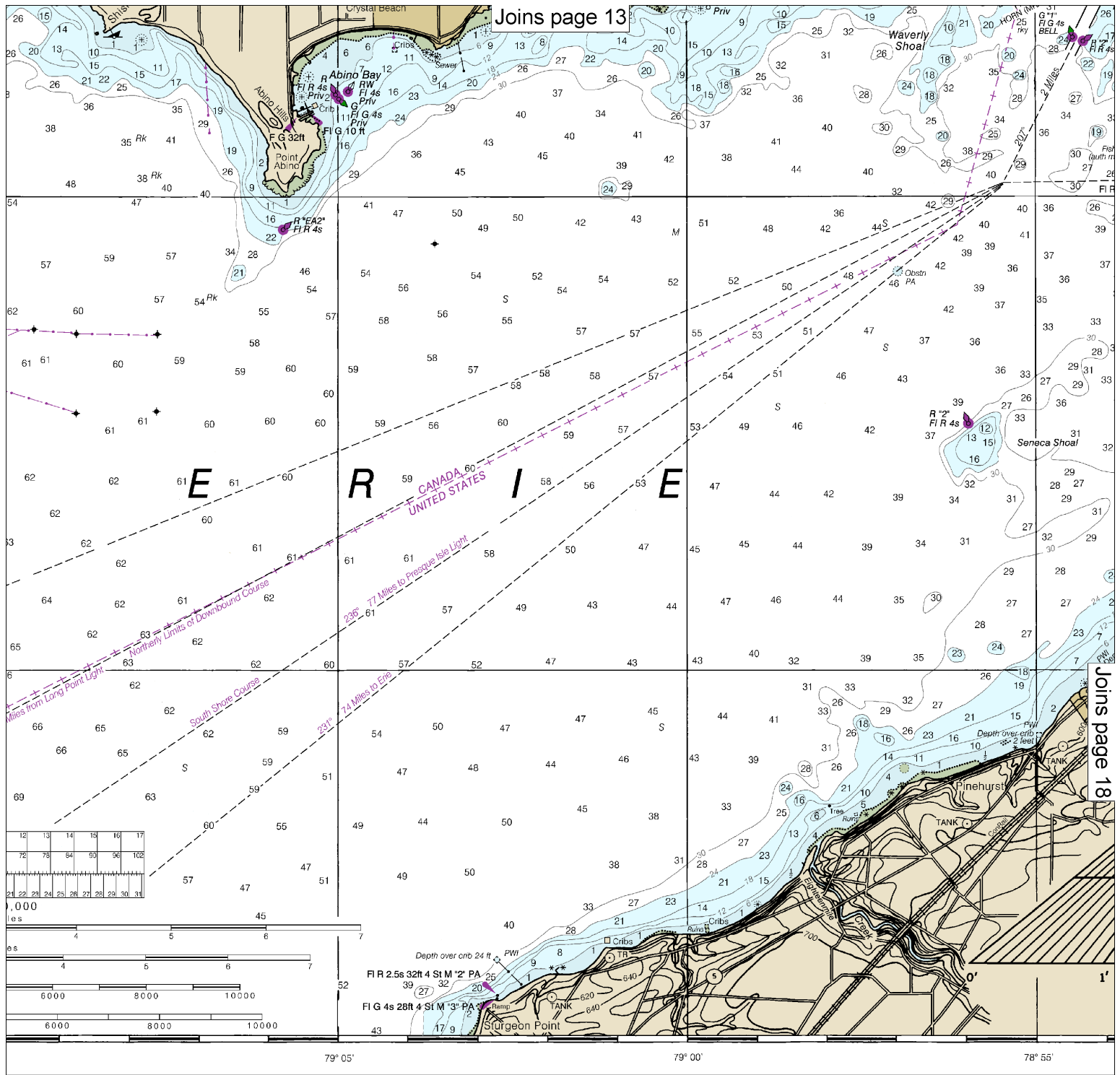
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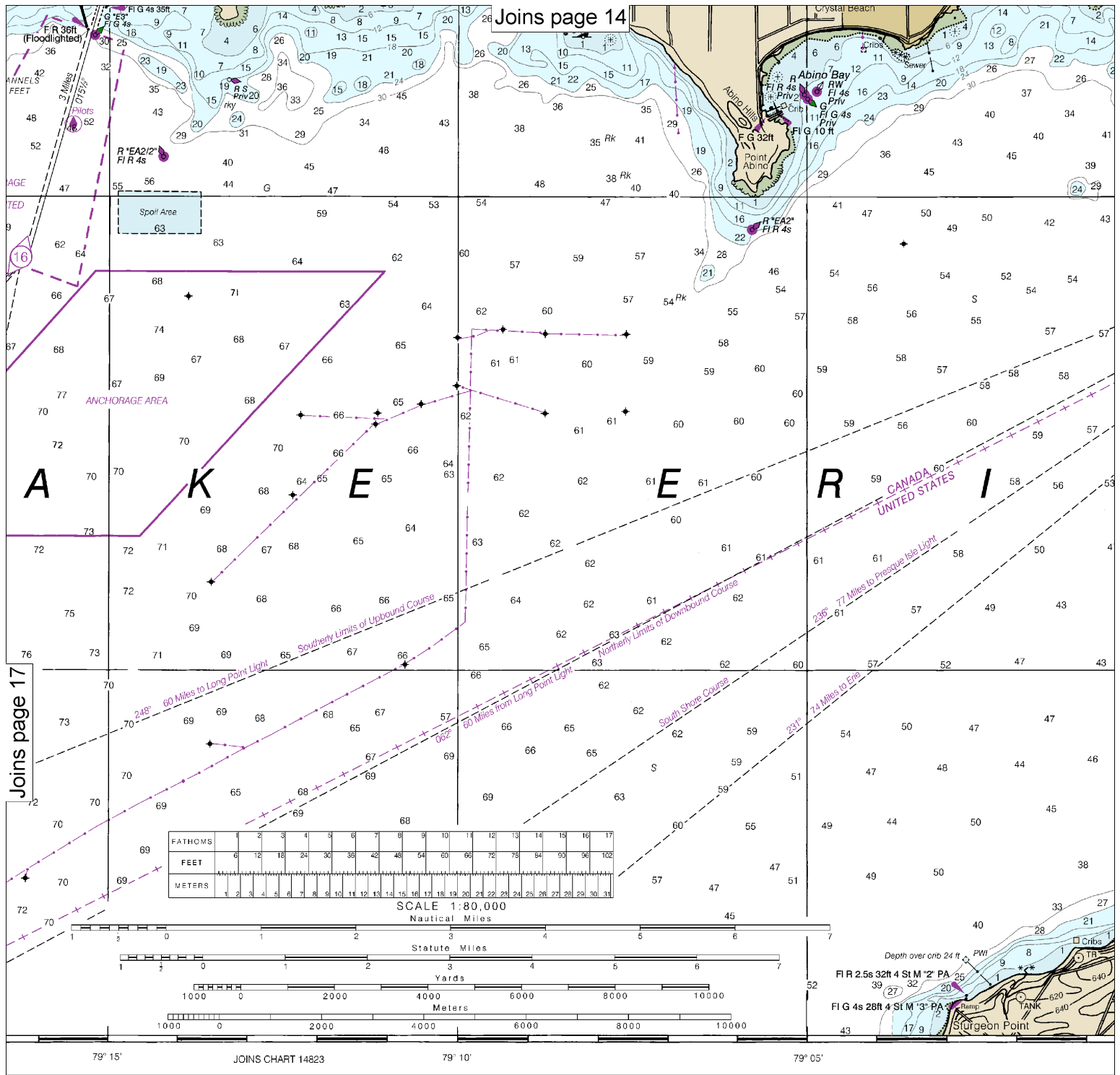


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10 FEET

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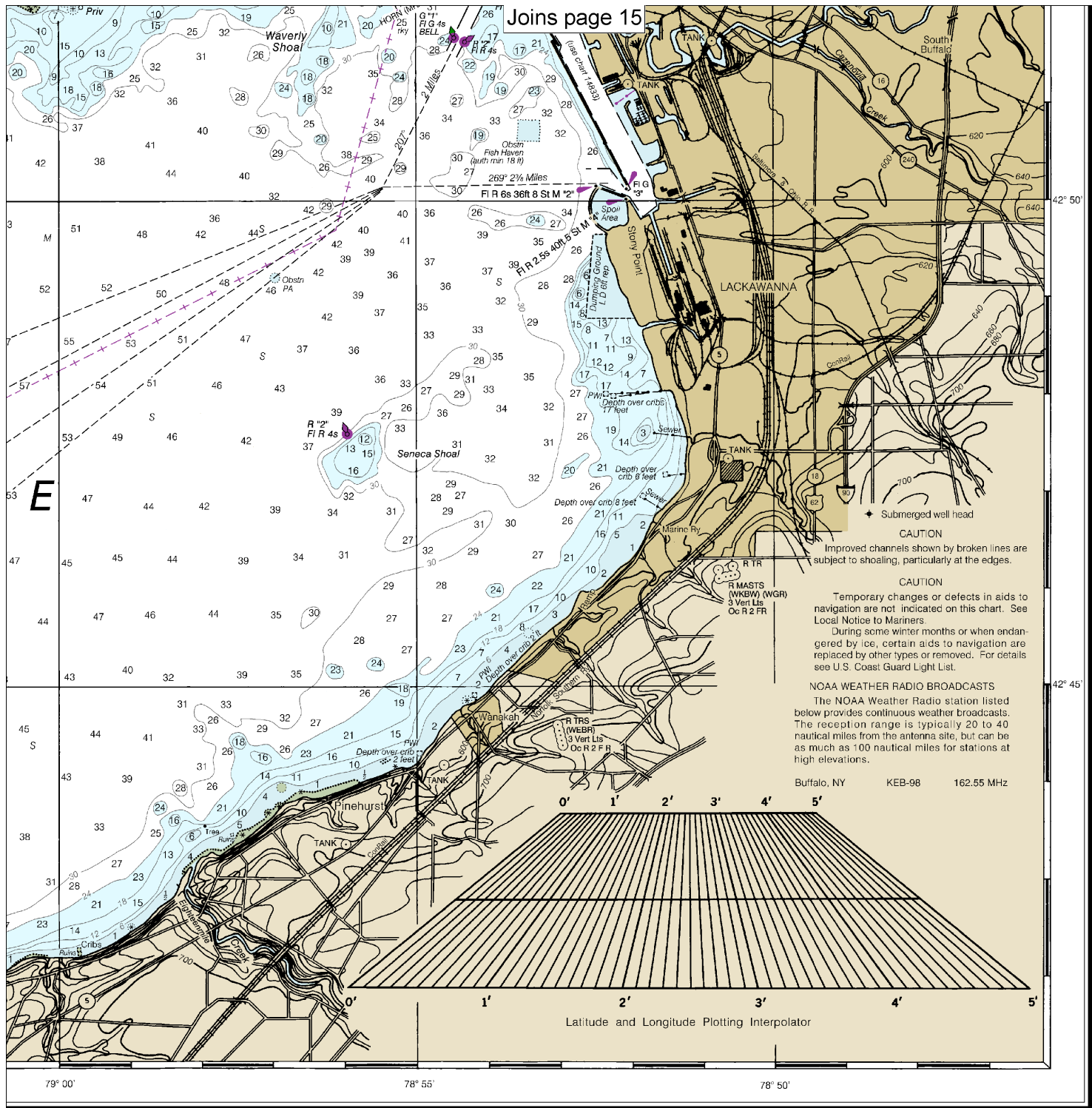
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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

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